

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 20th October 2013**

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## **IRTS Echo Ireland**

The activities of radio clubs feature in the October issue of Echo Ireland, which will be mailed to members during the week. Limerick Radio Club's activation of Loop Head for the Lighthouse Weekend, and their IOTA activation of Inis Oírr, are featured. Galway Radio Experimenters Club were very active over the Summer months, and Echo Ireland includes reports on their visits to Inis Oírr and Inishbofin as well as their involvement in the Joyce Country Challenge Walk. Another Aran Islands operation - the Papa Lima DX Group's IOTA Contest operation from Inis Mór - is also covered.

Two Dublin Clubs - Howth Martello Radio Group and South Dublin Radio Club - report on their joint involvement in the Kingstown Regatta Commemoration; this article includes an interesting extract from an article in the Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, in which Marconi describes his 1898 operation in Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire).

The October Echo Ireland also introduces us to the newly formed Avondhu Radio Club, which is based around the North East area of Cork. Other items covered in the current issue include a report on the involvement of EI radio amateurs and SWLs in the Youngsters On the Air event in Estonia, an update from Dave EI3IO on his experience over the past few years operating as A92IO from Bahrain, and an interesting "Story of Noise" from Seán EI7CD, who successfully tracked down an electrical white noise problem to a neighbour's cable TV decoder box. Finally, of course, we have the regular columns, including Pat EI2HX's "excerpts" and more HF Happenings from Anthony EI2KC.

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be held at Raheen House, Clonmel on Thursday the 24th of October 2013 at 8pm. This meeting is open to all and Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome to attend. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in upcoming events. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to [www.ei7trg.org](http://www.ei7trg.org)

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The most recent Amateur station Licence Examination took place on Thursday October 10th in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. We hope to hear some new call signs on the air in the near future. The next exam will be held in April/May 2014 and the following exam will be six months later in October/November 2014.

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### **Foyle & District ARC Rally**

The Foyle & District ARC will hold their rally in the White Horse Hotel, 68 Clooney Road, Londonderry, Derry, BT47 3PA. Sunday 3rd November. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Trader access from 9:00. Tables at £5.00 each. All the usual traders in attendance, Special Interest Groups, New traders, Bring & Buy, Raffle. All usual hotel facilities, Licensed bar, Catering, Disabled access to rally and catering areas, free car parking. Contact Nigel Gamble GI7FJY

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### **Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Annual Rally**

The MREN will hold their annual rally on Sunday 17th November 2013 at the Welcome Inn, Castlebar, County Mayo. Doors open at 11am. For more information and contact details please see [www.ei7mre.org](http://www.ei7mre.org)

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### **IOTA Contest Results**

Provisional results for the 2013 IOTA contest have been published. They show the Bristol Contest Group, who were on Jersey Island for the contest, coming in with the highest overall score.

Results for the 34 logs submitted by EI/EJ and GI/MI stations are shown on the IRTS web site - look at the Results section of the Contests page. The East Cork Amateur Radio Group EI7M were the highest scoring Irish station, operating from their home QTH in Cork. A number of stations operated from Irish offshore islands for the contest, with the Papa Lima DX-Group (call sign EJ1Y) operating from Inishmore Island achieving by far the highest score in this category.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The October meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 28th of October at 9.00 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 8.00

pm sharp and as always new members are very welcome. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's activities, please check our website [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## **DX News**

The husband and wife team of Lot DJ7ZG and Babs DL7AFS are off on their travels again. This time their destination is the Cape Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa. While in this former Portuguese colony they will sign D44TXT from now until 7 November. Activity will be on 10 – 80m using SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSLs go via DL7AFS.

Gert ZS6AYU will reactivate his Lesotho callsign of 7P8GF from 23 – 26 October. His QTH is in the town of Roma which is about a 30 minute drive from the capital Maseru. This is a holiday style operation on 40 – 10m CW.

Mark N2MD and Arnal N9ACC will operate from the Caribbean island of Grenada from 23 – 28 October. Look out for them signing J3/N2MD and J3/N9ACC.

The island of Ogasawara which is over 600 miles from Tokyo will be visited by Koji JI1LET who will use the callsign JD1BOI. He will be active from 25 October – 3 November. Ogasawara is a separate entity for DXCC purposes and QSLs go via JI1LET.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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